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Fraser Terms Judd Dishonest on Cuba Issue

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Donald Fraser accused Rep. note of sour, jibing criticism

Walter Judd, R-Minn., today of "Monday morning quarterbacking" and "directly challenging the integrity of the presidency of the United States."

The 5th District congressman has been sounding "a

note of sour, jibing criticism in the most serious crisis that has faced our country since World War II, Fraser said.

Judd's DFL challenger said, "The leadership of our nation, of Latin America and of our NATO allies have all shown remarkable and powerful support for our President's action.

Showmanship

"Yet the lonely voice of Walter Judd suggests that the President's decision Monday to halt the Soviet Union's build-up of offensive, long-range weapons in Cuba is only political showmanship."

Rep. Judd admitted he might be "cynical," Fraser asserted. "I say that he is not only being cynical, but dishonest."

Fraser said he has checked Judd's assertion that it was "common talk" in Washington earlier this fall that there would be "some sort of manufactured crisis" shortly before the election.

"That statement is not true. No reputable newsman reported it. My friends, Senators Humphrey and McCarthy do not recall any such 'common talk.' Such a statement is not only dishonest but it does a grave disservice to our country at a time when we need all the unity, resolve and courage of which we are capable."

Judd apparently is "miffed" at not being included in the group of influential congressmen called to Washington this week and therefore "tells us he knew all along—since early September—that medium and intermediate-range missile sites were being constructed in Cuba," Fraser said.

In other words, the congressman says that he knew more about the missile build-up than the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the whole intelligence apparatus of the federal government.

"This is perhaps the most colossal piece of self-esteem I have encountered in years," Fraser declared.

"Even more interesting is the fact that before last Monday Judd never once disclosed that he possessed such information," Fraser said.

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